(b) whether Government have considered the recommendations of the Committee;

(c) if so, what is the decision taken thereon; and

(d) by when the recommendations are likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DAL-BIR SINGH) : (a) to (d) Consequent upon the implementation of the Award of the National Industrial Tribunal for Regional Rural Banks and the recommendations of the Equation Committee, certain changes were to be brought about in Service Regulations, Recruitment and Promotion Policy for the RRB employees. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) had accordingly constituted a Working Group in September, 1991, with the following terms of reference :

(i) to frame service regulations for all categories of employees of Regional Rural Banks;

(ii) to frame recruitment and promotion policies in RRBs; and

(iii) any other matter relating to the implementation of the award of the Tribunal read with the Equation Committee Report.

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development to whom the Working Group submitted its report have advised the Government on the implementation of the recommendations relating to staff Service Regulations, Recruitment and Promotion Policy etc. The recommendations of the Working Group are under consideration and decisions on the same will be taken in due course.

Setting up of a National Rural Bank of India

1267. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA :

SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased *to* refer *to* the answer *to* Starred Question 92 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd March, 1992 and the answer to Unstarred Question 3737 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th August, 1992 and state: 12—407 RSS/93

(a) what progress has been made so far with regard to the establishment of a National Rural Bank of India; and

(b) if not, what alternatives are being considered with a view to improve the viability and revival of Regional Rural Banks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DAL-BIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) Government is considering the proposal for establishment of a National Rural Banks of India (NRBI) by merging all the existing 196 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), with a view to improve the viability of RRBs and increase the flow of credit to rural sector. No final decision has so far been taken in this regard.

राजीव गांधी फाउन्डेशन, नई दिल्ली को दान

1268. श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राजीव गांधी फाउन्डेशन, नई दिल्ली को 31 अक्तूबर, 1992 तक कुल कितनी राशि के दान प्राप्त हुए हैं; और

(ख) उन व्यक्तियों और संस्थाओं के नाम क्या-क्या हैं जिन्होंने इस फाउन्डेशन को एक लाख रुपये से अधिक के दान दिये हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर ठाकुर) : (क) दिनांक 31 अक्तूबर, 1992 तक श्री राजीव गांधी फाऊन्डेशन, नई दिल्ली द्वारा प्राप्त किए गए दानों की कुल राशि 16,62,03,825 रुपये हैं ।

(ख) जिन व्यक्तियों तथा संस्थानों ने एक लाख रुपये से अधिक का दान दिया है, उनकी सूची संलग्न है (देखिए परिशिष्ठ, 165, अनुपत्र संख्या 19)

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1269. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer the answer to Unstarred Question 539 given in the